IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims is provided below as a courtesy.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (previously presented): An engine compartment lining cover layer comprising:

at least one binder-bonded nonwoven engine compartment lining cover layer, the nonwoven layer being bonded using a binder having a thermoplastic behavior in the temperature range of 20° to 200°C and a thermosetting behavior above 200°C.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the binder condenses upon crosslinking and is pre-crosslinked at a temperature of up to 200°C and cures at a temperature above 200°C.

Claim 3 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the binder is selected from the group of the acrylic acid copolymers or ter-polymers with styrene, butadiene, and/or acrylonitrile.

Claim 4 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 3, wherein the binder is selected from the group of the acrylic acid copolymers with styrene.

Claim 5 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the binder contains flame retardant agents, water repellent agents, and/or oil repellent agents.

Claim 6 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the nonwoven layer includes halogen-free and heavy metal-free phosphorous compounds containing nitrogen as a flame retardant.

Claim 7 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 6, wherein the flame retardant is a nitrogen-containing phosphonic acid derivative having an elemental content of $\geq$ 10 wt. % of nitrogen and $\geq$ 5 wt. % of phosphorous.

Claim 8 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the nonwoven layer includes rayon fibers, polyester fibers, cellulose fibers, polyamide fibers, polyolefine fibers, and/or pre-oxidized polyacrylonitrile fibers.

Claim 9 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover layer has a mass per unit area of 20 g/m^2 to 200 g/m^2, and the nonwoven layer includes fibers in a weight ratio between the fibers employed per square meter and the binder employed per square meter being in the range of 0.5:1 to 2:0.5.

Claim 10 (original): The cover layer as recited in claim 1, further comprising a coating on one side of the nonwoven layer, the coating including a hot-setting adhesive made of a polyolefin resin, polyester resin, phenolic resin, or melamine resin.

Claims 11 to 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): An engine compartment lining comprising:

at least one binder-bonded nonwoven thermoset engine compartment lining cover layer, the nonwoven layer being bonded using a binder having a thermoplastic behavior in the temperature range of 20° to 200°C and a thermosetting behavior above 200°C; and

a substrate made of reclaimed wool.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The cover layer as recited in claim 1 wherein the cover layer is attached to a substrate made of reclaimed wool.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The cover layer as recited in claim 1 wherein the binder is a foam binder.